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Doherty to retire after 30 years

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DAILY EGYPTIAN

City Manager Jeff Doherty announced his retirement Tuesday afternoon after more than 30 years of service to Carbondale's city government.

Doherty, who said his retirement would take effect June 30, said he plans to pursue other options in his private and social life, which would require a change in lifestyle.

"There are certain times in life that come about making change possible. With a family, there are certain times in life that you can't make changes," Doherty said. "If I am going to do something else, this is the time."

Mayor Brad Cole said the City Council would hire a professional firm to find a successor in the spring. He said ideal candidates would be able to lead the community and encourage its growth, as well as handle nearly 300 city employees.

Councilwoman Mary Pohlman has had experience finding new administrators during her tenure at the Jackson County Board of Health.

"I think it is wise to do a national search," she said. "There is someone out there."

Doherty, who is Carbondale's longest tenured city manager spanning 16 years, was hired by the city as an administrative intern in June 1976.



EDYTA BLASZCZYK ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Carbondale City Manager Jeff Doherty laughs Tuesday afternoon after he was asked if Carbondale should maintain a city manager form of government. Doherty announced his retirement, effective June 30, 2008. He served 16 years as city manager.

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A bucket sits in a conference room in Faner as Anthony Fobs, the sub-foreman for Faner Wing C, looks at water stains on the ceiling.
Because of the concrete structure, leaks in Faner can not be repaired due to the costs but must be re-routed into buckets.

BRANDON CHAPPLE
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Broken buildings find new hope

University looks to generate money for maintenance

Allison Petty
DAILY EGYPTIAN

University administrators have created a plan to provide up to \$100 million to fix deteriorating roofs, outdated electrical systems and other items on a growing list of deferred

maintenance problems.

The Deferred Maintenance Plan involves selling bonds to financial institutions, such as banks and large investment firms, said Duane Stucky, vice-president for financial and administrative affairs. The institutions that purchase the bonds would essentially be loaning the money to SIUC.

The university would pay off the bonds over a period of 20 to 30 years,

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Confederate clothing creates controversy

Undergraduate Student Council to consider ban for university employees

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DAILY EGYPTIAN

To some, it represents a region, an era or a heritage.

But to others, it symbolizes an attitude.

To Brandon Allen, the Confederate flag is more than just a

piece of cloth.

Allen, an Undergraduate Student Government senator representing Brush Towers, has written a USG resolution calling for the university to ban non-faculty employees from wearing clothing that depicts the flag.

For Allen, a freshman from

Edwardsville studying journalism, the next course of action was clear. He wrote a resolution and plans to submit it at the next USG meeting tonight.

Allen said the resolution would only pertain to university staff, not faculty or students. Faculty refers to all university instructors and administrators.

Allen said he was offended when he noticed maintenance workers in a university vehicle wearing shirts and bandanas emblazoned with the flag.

He said he talked to other students and discovered many were upset after witnessing similar occurrences. Allen said he and other students viewed the flag as a symbol of hate, racism and white supremacy.

A resolution must be approved by more than half of the senators to pass.

If it passes, the organization's president, Demetrous White, has 48 hours to sign or veto the resolution.

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“The whole problem with this is that it's a professional setting. You're on the job, being paid by the students and wearing something the students feel offended by.

— Brandon Allen
USG senator

True colors of a southern lawyer

Christian Holt
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Morris Dees said it was his fifth and sixth grade teacher who taught him the most important lessons he has ever learned.

She taught him not to smoke. She even made the class recite a poem every day professing evils of tobacco. She taught him not to drink alcoholic beverages. Dees joked he was much better at the first.

However, Dees said, the most important lesson he learned from this lady who played such a major role in his life was to always remember the words in the Pledge of Allegiance, "Liberty and Justice for all."

This was the topic of Dees' speech to about 750 SIUC students, staff and Carbondale residents Tuesday evening in the Ballrooms in the Student Center.

Due to the controversy surrounding Dees and the topics of his speeches, SIUC campus police had a high security alert.

There were two metal detectors surrounded by eight officers helping ensure the event was as secure as possible.

"Metal detectors are a necessary measure," said Todd Sigler, director of the Department of Public Safety.

Sigler said the people who work for Dees requested there be metal detectors due to the number of threats to Dees and his law center.

Dees, an Alabama native, said



Former mayoral candidate Pepper Holder speaks with Morris Dees, co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center, after his speech Tuesday night. More than 750 people endured metal detectors and cramped banquet hall seating to listen to Dees recount his experiences with racism.

JAMES DURBIN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

he knows the repercussions racism can have on a person, town, county, state and nation. Born and raised in Alabama, he was the son of a farm owner and the nephew of a couple Ku Klux Klan members.

The first person in his family to obtain a college degree, Dees went on to become a lawyer.

He said even though he knew some of his family would not understand, he wanted to defend people against racism, hatred and injustice.

After several years of working as a lawyer, Dees and his business partner Joe Levin founded the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Now, Dees speaks about tolerance.

"Our nation is great because of our diversity, not in spite of it," Dees said.

Bridget Schot, a first-year law student from Sterling, said she wasn't sure how often hate crimes occurred nowadays.

She said they probably occur sometimes, but not nearly as much as they used to.

"It's probably more people's attitudes you have to deal with," Schot said.

Dees proclaimed it will be this generation that changes the outlook of the majority the most.

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Council keeps it simple with licensing fee

City Council votes in favor of rental licensing fee in original proposal

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The City Council approved a measure Tuesday night to require property managers to pay a yearly rental registration fee to expand the city's number of property inspectors.

In a 5-2 vote, members of the Carbondale City Council voted in

favor of making property managers pay \$35 per rental unit each year, and require each unit to undergo inspection by city officials every three years.

Until Tuesday's vote, the city did not require any registration fee from property managers.

The proposal was brought before council members at the Oct. 2 meeting in response to city inspectors' inability to inspect the 9,000 rental properties every three years. The vote was delayed to allow council members time to review possible alternatives.

Three council members showed support of a recommendation made by the Chamber of Commerce to change the name of the proposal from "rental

licensing" to "rental registration."

Larry Dietz, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at SIUC, spoke to the Council on behalf of SIU President Glenn Poshard, who was out of town. Dietz said signing a lease for off-campus housing does affect enrollment as well.

"Students and their families deserve a place that meets some kind of standards," Dietz said.

The registration fees will be due to the city by Jan 1, 2009. The time gap allows the market to adjust to a potential rate change Carbondale renters may face in response to the property manager's fee, said Mayor Brad Cole.

Properties failing to comply with

the Carbondale City Codes during their initial inspection must be re-inspected in 30 days and pay an additional \$50 per unit. The process continues until all code violations are corrected.

"I'm very happy," said Sandy Litecky, president of the Arbor District. "The idea of posting this online is good, because it will really help students."

Cole recommended the city investigate an electronic system allowing renters in the market to check a property's history with complying with city codes.

The City Council also voted in favor of an intergovernmental agreement with the Crab Orchard Water

District. The agreement will give control of the district's customers to the city. This will prevent the customers from facing a surcharge in water rates.

"In the end, it means lower water rates for those customers...sounds like a good deal," Cole said.

Customers in the district will continue to pay their current water rates for the next ten years until improvements to the infrastructure can be made. They will be charged the regular city water rate of \$3.04 per 1,000 gallons after that time.

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Suspect arrested for killing police officer

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McCLATCHY TRIBUNE

PHILADELPHIA — Police in Florida Tuesday morning apprehended fugitive John Lewis at a homeless shelter in downtown Miami, ending a dramatic multistate dragnet for the man wanted for killing Philadelphia police officer Chuck Cassidy.

Philadelphia Police Commissioner Sylvester M. Johnson said authorities were tipped off that Lewis was staying at the Miami Rescue Mission after local television broadcast photos of the 21-year-old suspect.

At noontime, five Philadelphia police investigators boarded a flight to Miami to retrieve the suspect. He will face charges in Philadelphia in the death of Cassidy last week after the officer interrupted an armed robbery at a Dunkin' Donuts.

Miami Police Chief John Timoney, the former commissioner in Philadelphia, said Philadelphia police alerted him Monday afternoon that the suspected killer had taken a bus to Miami over the weekend, just hours before investigators closed in on his mother's home on Roosevelt Boulevard.

Lewis was in the shelter's chapel when police arrived, Timoney said in



MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT ~ McCLATCHY TRIBUNE

John Lewis, 21, a suspect in the slaying of a Philadelphia police officer during a doughnut shop robbery, was apprehended early Tuesday, at a homeless shelter in Miami, Florida, police said.

a telephone interview.

"He was probably praying that he would not get caught," he said. Police reported the arrest at 6:48 a.m.

Terri Ramos, a spokeswoman for the shelter, said the man identified as Lewis arrived Monday afternoon after getting off a Greyhound Bus.

Ramos said he was dressed in a yellow jacket and gave his name as Akim Melvin Atwell, but he volunteered little else about his back-

ground or where he had come from.

Ramos said Atwell spent a quiet night at the 220-bed shelter and interacted with some of the 150 men now staying there.

Shortly after 6 a.m. Tuesday, Ramos said, a male staffer at the center saw Lewis' image on the morning news.

"He said, 'I think that's the guy I saw yesterday,'" Ramos said.

Ramos said the staffer whom she would not identify was struck by the hair plaits on the televised image of the suspect and the fact that Atwell's hair had a "wild look" as if he had recently loosened plaits in his hair.

While police were alerted, Ramos said the staff lured the suspect into the chapel on the pretense of attending morning prayers. When Miami-Dade police arrived, the man was told he was needed in the lobby.

"He went very submissively," said Ramos.

"I'm sorry," Lewis told arresting officers.

Ramos said the shelter Tuesday morning was overwhelmed with television camera crews. "Now we're in the middle of a media frenzy," she said.

The arrest ends an extraordinary manhunt for the man who allegedly gunned down the officer during a botched armed robbery.

Senate begins confirmation hearings

Laurie Kellman
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Michael Mukasey's nomination as the nation's next attorney general was sent to the full Senate on Tuesday as a vehicle for the broader, and more bitter, debate over the legality of the Bush administration's interrogation techniques for terrorism suspects.

The retired federal judge was expected to win confirmation easily by the end of next week, but not without significant floor discussion inspired by his refusal to say that waterboarding amounts to illegal torture.

Within hours of the Judiciary Committee's 11-8 endorsement of the nomination Tuesday, Mukasey's name was invoked in the same sentence as "torture" in a campaign appeal on behalf of Democrats.

"If he can't say no to torture, we say no to Mukasey," read a letter sent out by Friends for Harry Reid, the Senate majority leader who had

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— Dana Perino
White House press secretary

announced earlier in the day he would vote against confirmation.

Mukasey's comments on torture rankled senators of both parties, but the nominee averted a rebellion by promising to enforce any law Congress passes outlawing the practice — or quit the post if President Bush ignores his legal advice.

That was good enough for all nine Republicans and two Democrats on the 19-member Senate Judiciary Committee who voted to send the nomination to the full Senate for confirmation.

"We appreciate the vote of senators on the Judiciary Committee to forward the nomination of Judge Michael Mukasey to the full Senate," White House press

secretary Dana Perino said. "Judge Mukasey has clearly demonstrated that he will be an exceptional attorney general at this critical time."

Officials in both parties predicted Tuesday that Mukasey would win more than the 60 votes required to head off a filibuster. But before any more votes are cast on the matter, a full-blown floor debate was expected about waterboarding, a brutal interrogation method that creates the sensation of drowning and which is banned by domestic law and international treaties.

Those policies don't govern the CIA's use of the practice, however, and the Bush administration has sidestepped questions about whether it has allowed the agency's employees to use it against terror detainees.

2007 now deadliest year for U.S. troops

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — The U.S. military announced six new deaths Tuesday, making 2007 the bloodiest year for American troops in Iraq despite a recent decline in casualties and a sharp drop in roadside bombings that Washington links to Iran.

With nearly two months left in the year, the annual toll is now 853 — three more than the previous worst of 850 in 2004.

But the grim milestone comes as the Pentagon points toward other encouraging signs as well — growing security in Baghdad and other former militant strongholds that could help consolidate the gains against extremists.

A senior Navy officer, meanwhile, announced the planned release of nine Iranian prisoners and was at pains to say that a major

cache of Iranian-made weapons and bombs displayed for reporters Tuesday appeared to have been shipped into Iraq before Tehran made a vow to stop the flow of armaments.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates said last week that Iran had made such assurances to the Iraqi government. He did not reveal when the pledge was issued.

A decline in Iranian weapons deliveries could be one of several factors for the decrease in both Iraqi and American deaths over the past two months.

"It's our best judgment that these particular EFPs ... in recent large cache finds do not appear to have arrived here in Iraq after those pledges were made," Rear Adm. Gregory Smith, director of the Multi-National Force-Iraq's communications division, told reporters Tuesday.

WIRE REPORTS

PAKISTAN

Deposed top judge urges lawyers to resist Musharraf's crackdown

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistan's deposed chief justice called on lawyers Tuesday to revolt against President Gen. Pervez Musharraf's imposition of emergency rule and a crackdown on the opposition that has left thousands under arrest.

The government considered a delay in parliamentary elections despite Western demands they be held on schedule in January to bring democracy to a nuclear-armed country dogged by political uncertainty and rising Islamic militancy.

Fragile security in the northwest — cited by officials as a reason for the suspension of the constitution — deteriorated further as pro-Taliban militants seized a town from outnumbered security forces.

While Musharraf says emergency powers are needed so the government can better fight Islamic extremists, his crackdown has been aimed at lawyers and liberal political activists opposing his rule. The Supreme Court, in particular, had chipped away at his powers this year.

WASHINGTON

Pentagon looking to ease standards for recruits with records

WASHINGTON (AP) — Faced with higher recruiting goals, the Pentagon is quietly looking for ways to make it easier for people with minor criminal records to join the military, The Associated Press has learned.

The review, in its early stages, comes as the number of Army recruits needing waivers for bad behavior — such as trying drugs, stealing, carrying weapons on school grounds and fighting — rose from 15 percent in 2006 to 18 percent this year. And it reflects the services' growing use of criminal, health and other waivers to build their ranks.

Overall, about three in every 10 recruits must get a waiver, according to Pentagon statistics obtained by AP, and about two-thirds of those approved in recent years have been for criminal behavior. Some recruits must get more than one waiver to cover things ranging from any criminal record, to health problems such as asthma or flat feet, to low aptitude scores — and even for some tattoos.

Bush announces recall panel's suggestions

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government would toughen its policing of products from abroad under steps proposed by President Bush on Tuesday after a rash of recalls of dangerous toothpaste, dog food and toys.

Bush said the United States benefits from having an open market and a huge variety of products from across the globe. However, he said, "We need to do more to ensure that American families have confidence in what they find on our store shelves. They have the right to expect the food they eat, the medicines they take or the toys they buy for their children to be safe."

Acting on recommendations from an advisory panel, Bush proposed that the Food and Drug Administration be empowered to order mandatory recalls of unsafe food products. Currently, the FDA lacks the authority to order recalls, but works with producers on voluntary recalls. "Specifically, the FDA would be empowered to order a recall when a company refuses to recall their product voluntarily, or moves too slowly in removing the unsafe product from the market," the president said.

ASTRONOMY

Astronomers discover new planet orbiting sun-like star

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A new planet was discovered orbiting a sun-like star 41 light years away, making it the first known planetary quintet outside our solar system, astronomers said Tuesday.

The newfound planet joins four others circling the nearby star 55 Cancri in the constellation Cancer. Although it resides in the star's so-called habitable zone, a place where liquid water and mild temperatures should exist, it is more like Saturn than Earth and therefore not likely to support life.

Still, scientists have not ruled out the possibility of finding an Earth-like planet within the system as technology improves.

"It's a system that appears to be packed with planets," said co-discoverer Debra Fischer, an astronomer at San Francisco State University.

Ranked fourth from 55 Cancri, the latest planet is about 45 times the mass of Earth and has an orbit of 260 days.

ENTERTAINMENT

Oprah Winfrey pulls disputed children's book from Web site

NEW YORK (AP) — Oprah Winfrey has pulled a discredited children's book, Forrest Carter's "The Education of Little Tree," from a list of recommended titles on her Web site, blaming an archival "error" for including a work considered the literary hoax of a white supremacist.

"The archived listing was posted in error and has been removed," Winfrey spokeswoman Angela DePaul told The Associated Press on Tuesday, adding that she did not know long "Little Tree" had been on the site.

First published in 1976, "The Education of Little Tree" was supposedly the real-life story of an orphaned boy raised by his Cherokee grandparents; the book became a million seller and sentimental favorite.

But suspicions about Carter, who died in 1979, began in his lifetime, and were raised significantly in the early 1990s, not long after the book won the ABBY.

Pizza companies recall products

Eugene Clark
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Totino's and Jenos' pizzas got served late last week — served with a recall that is.

General Mills Operations recalled a variety of Totino's and Jenos' meat pizzas due to a possible connection with a nationwide outbreak of the E. coli 0157:H7 virus, according to Melanie Arnold, spokeswoman for the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Tom Forsythe, spokesman for General Mills, said so far there have been reports of 21 E. coli cases in 10 states across the nation. Nine of those 21 said they ate Totino's or Jenos' pizza before they became sick, he said.

Forsythe said as of Tuesday, no link has been found to the E. coli cases and the pizzas, but investigations are still taking place.

"It is important to note that to date we have found no evidence of contamination in our plant and no evidence of E. coli in any of our products," Forsythe said.

As of right now, there has been one reported illness present in the state of Illinois that is believed to be associated to the outbreak, Arnold

said.

Some of the symptoms of the E. Coli virus include bloody diarrhea and dehydration, Arnold said.

Some of the pizzas that are being recalled include a variety of six meat-based Totino's and three meat-based pizzas by Jenos' Crisp and Tasty Pizzas, according to a new release by the USDA Food Service and Inspection Service Web site.

Tim McGurk, spokesman for Kroger Mid-South, said Kroger does carry Totino's pizza but does not carry the Jenos' pizza brands.

All three stores in Carbondale, Murphysboro and Marion carried some of the products that were part of the recall, McGurk said.

General Mills pizza rolls with pepperoni were not recalled, he said.

McGurk said as soon as Kroger hears of recalls, managers take the products from store shelves and keep them in the back room where they will be not be tampered with, he said.

"As we are pulling all of the products one of them might be missed in an accident," McGurk said. "So just to make sure we don't sell product that we shouldn't accidentally, those UPC codes are locked in the system where they will not scan."

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• 21 E. coli cases reported in 10 states

McGurk said Kroger received direction from General Mills to destroy all products at the store. The boxes are cut open and the pizzas are thrown into a compactor, he said.

McGurk said Kroger received word from General Mills that it would be out of the products for around two weeks.

Michelle Tyler, a junior from Princeton, Ky., studying accounting, said her kids eat Totino's pizzas often and she thinks the voluntary recall is notable.

"(It) makes me feel better about the product that they are taking a stand," she said. "Some places they kind of let things go, then after they found out there is something wrong, then they do something about it."

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Marion hospital places more surgeons on leave

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sen. Dick Durbin pledged Tuesday to push federal legislation to reform hiring practices at Veterans Affairs hospitals nationwide after the VA revealed three more doctors have been placed on leave by an Illinois site that already has stopped performing surgeries.

VA officials who testified Tuesday before the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs did not offer specifics about the three surgeons recently placed on leave at the VA in Marion.

Scrutiny in Marion has mushroomed since August, when Dr. Jose Veizaga-Mendez resigned three days after a Kentucky man bled to death following gallbladder surgery the surgeon performed.

Shortly afterward, that hospital suspended inpatient operations because of a spike in post-surgical deaths and reassigned or placed on leave four officials, including the chief of surgery.

The VA says 10 patients died under the care of Veizaga-Mendez, whose Illinois license was indefinitely suspended last month by regulators.

News of the actions involving three more surgeons "is unfortunately a developing pattern of problems of the surgical staff at the Marion VA," Durbin, an Illinois Democrat, told The Associated Press after being allowed to take part in the Senate hearing even though he isn't on the panel. "Clearly, this has gone

beyond one doctor."

Durbin also said he was struck by the VA's disclosure Tuesday that, since the troubles surfaced in Marion, it has checked the credentials of some 56,000 medical professionals across the VA system and culled 17,000 for additional review.

"That's a lot — that's about a third," Durbin told the AP. Some of the issues may be purely technical, Durbin acknowledged, "so I don't want to overstate it."

Confronted publicly Tuesday for the first time about the Marion matter, VA administrators deflected the panel's prodding for many specifics about Veizaga-Mendez, citing an unfolding VA Inspector General's probe of the doctor's 20 months at the Marion VA and how he ever got hired there in January 2006.

VA officials insisted the department followed a thorough credentialing process in vetting Veizaga-Mendez. The VA generally verifies information supplied by prospective doctors at any of its some 150 U.S. medical centers through national practitioner databanks and checks for disciplinary alerts by the Federation of State Medical Boards, Gerald Cross, the VA's chief deputy undersecretary for health, told the panel. The VA also checks doctors' references.

Applicant doctors also must be licensed in at least one state; when hired in Marion, Veizaga-Mendez had valid, unrestricted licenses in Massachusetts and Illinois. He also has agreed to stop practicing in Massachusetts.

Police investigate Tasing of 82-year-old

Don Babwin
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Chicago's Police Department is investigating an officer's use of a Taser on an 82-year-old woman who police say was swinging a hammer when they arrived.

Lillian Fletcher was rushed to the hospital after being jolted by the Taser

last week, but has since been released, police said Tuesday.

Workers with the city's Department on Aging were making what is called a "well being check" at Fletcher's home on the city's southwest side the afternoon of Oct. 29, police spokeswoman Monique Bond said.

"The woman was seen at the window with a hammer in her hand,

swinging it back and forth," Bond said.

Not knowing if Fletcher was going to hurt herself, the officers tried to subdue her.

That, Bond said, is when a sergeant discharged a Taser, which struck Fletcher. Bond said the department is investigating whether the sergeant followed proper police procedures.

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OUR WORD

Safety made simple

In a 5-2 vote Tuesday, the Carbondale City Council served rental property owners with a reminder dwellings should indeed meet certain conditions.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN agrees homes should maintain minimal living standards, and this is the best way to make sure landlords keep up their end of the bargain.

The city, by choosing option two of the four, will bill landlords \$35 per unit per year to generate an estimated \$315,000. Homes that aren't being inspected every three years – like they should be – should now because the city will have the money to hire more inspectors.

It is a simple way to ensure certain landlords start tending to some long overdue improvements.

The reality is that a home is supposed to be safe. Landlords don't have an obligation to supply luxury, but they should at least provide a sound, somewhat clean structure for individuals to live in.

Some members of this editorial board worry if the conditions of some of our homes are improved, a landlord might say the property value has increased, and raise rent.

If a property doesn't meet minimal standards, the tenant should not have to pay. Ideally, a clause should have been built-in that guaranteed any improvements made to bring a house up to code would not affect that property's rent.

Many students live in low-grade conditions voluntarily because the rent is obviously cheaper. The rite of passage into adulthood involves many things, and living in substandard housing for a while is definitely one of them.

Through the regime of school and work, students develop their independence and become ready for "the real world." But there are always going to be lessons in life that no one is going to teach you but yourself.

It's the same reasoning behind why a 16-year-old usually drives a car as old as they are, and college students have an uncanny ability to live off of noodles for months. It's why children attempt to climb to the top of a tall tree, and many build rickety tree houses.

And it's why some people don't mind paying less to live in a somewhat drafty apartment.



LYDIA BARGIELSKI ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

On the flip side, the DAILY EGYPTIAN hopes home inspectors are not frivolous while handing out violations. For example, in chapter four, title four, section eight of the housing code, it states, "Any paint or other protective materials must be maintained free of deterioration, in sound condition and good repair."

In other words, landlords could potentially get slapped with a violation because of something most students could probably care less about – chipped paint.

Yes, landlords should do these things. Students often complain his or her deposits were kept to improve conditions of a property, only to find none of the

improvements were even made. It's somewhat of a vicious circle.

But it's also why some of us opt to live in less favorable conditions.

The City Council did the right thing by approving this ordinance, and we can only hope both sides will take their responsibilities seriously.

STUDENT COLUMN

Ron Paul could fix the dollar

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Most Americans would be shocked to discover the dollar they carry in their pockets is worth only four cents compared to the dollar we started with.

The steady decline of our currency has gained attention again in recent months because of presidential hopeful Ron Paul's runaway candidacy. But the big picture is still being lost. The purchasing power of the once almighty dollar has slipped to nearly nothing in under a century and, unless Americans intervene, the Federal Reserve will see that it slips into oblivion.

This accusation deserves an explanation, and the story begins with the months leading up to the Revolutionary War. There were

multiple reasons for our battle for independence, but in the words of Benjamin Franklin, "The refusal of King George III to allow the colonies to operate an honest money system, which freed the ordinary man from the clutches of the money manipulators was probably the prime cause of the revolution."

And what does all that mean exactly? Put simply, instead of producing our own interest-free currency, the king was forcing early Americans to borrow money from the central bank of England. This put the country into a perpetual state of debt and, most importantly, it made us subject to a system we wanted nothing to do with.

This left us with two choices: surrender to this rather overt form of fascism, or fight back. One would think because we chose the latter any future banking system

which would leave us in incredible debt would never see the light of day.

And it didn't, in fact. In 1910, Sen. Nelson Aldrich and representatives of the banking elite hid away to draft legislation that would create a central U.S. bank at Jekyll Island, Georgia. Lacking the political support needed for the bill, they waited three years after this meeting to take advantage of a newly elected president's ability to strong-arm it into law.

That man was Woodrow Wilson — the reform governor of New Jersey who agreed to back the statute in exchange for political support for his campaign. He was convinced by the bankers that this infamous piece of legislation would bring economic stability to America, and, on Dec. 23, 1913, while the majority of congressmen were away with their families, the Federal Reserve Act was passed

and signed into law.

And with the stroke of a pen we were right back where we started, only this time our country had been forced into a perpetual system of debt by our own hand.

This occurs because the Federal Reserve acts like any other central bank, providing the currency of our nation and controlling its interest and inflation rates. One would think such an important institution would be heavily regulated, but it is just the opposite.

In fact, the Federal Reserve is just as much a private corporation as any other in America, not to mention that it is one to which we are deeply indebted. This private provider of our currency does not print money for free.

Each and every dollar that is put into circulation is loaned at interest to the United States of America, just as our currency was

under the rule of King George III.

And unless we want to see our nation's interests controlled by an elite group of individuals again, it's time for another revolution. Rep. Ron Paul is the only candidate for president in 2008 who has spoken about this proverbial elephant in the room, writing last April: "Few Americans give much thought to the Federal Reserve System or monetary policy in general. But even as they strive to earn a living, and hopefully save or invest for the future, Congress and the Federal Reserve Bank are working insidiously against them. Day by day, every dollar you have is being devalued."

And unless we act quickly not only will we watch it disappear, but our fledgling democracy along with it.

Wolfe is a senior studying English education.

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“This is where the fun begins.”

Demetrous White
USG president
on editing the Student Conduct Code

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Sunshine in teaching

Jonathan Bean
GUEST COLUMNIST

“Sunshine is the best disinfectant.” This statement by “People’s Lawyer” and U.S. Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis (1856-1941) underlies our nation’s Freedom of Information Act. In a free republic, ordinary citizens keep state officials and employees honest by opening them to the scrutiny of FOIA. As a historian, I have used FOIA requests to expose past corruption in the U.S. government. Local newspapers have used the state “sunshine” law to access the contracts of top officials, including SIU President Glenn Poshard and former SIU Chancellor Walter Wendler. As tuition-paying students at a state university, SIU students have every right to demand that this “sunshine” principle be extended to teaching. SIU has a unique opportunity

to market itself as the nation’s first “open book” university — a school that makes course content and evaluations available to current and prospective students. As every student knows, the undergraduate catalog reveals little about actual course content. Furthermore, while students evaluate (“rate”) courses each semester, individual faculty keep the data and it never sees the light of day. The course evaluations do help faculty improve their teaching based on student feedback. However, information is a two-way street — students also need this information to make decisions about the courses they take. My “modest proposal”: a Web site centralizing course information, including both syllabuses and teaching evaluations. The site could also include the official resumes of professors — good for media relations. If “easy” courses (high average GPA) earn high course

evaluations, this will generate a discussion of raising standards, thus the value of an SIU degree. On the other hand, high-achieving students want the most for their money and seek out rigorous courses, often by word of mouth. This proposed “sunshine” site takes the guesswork out of finding and selecting courses that match the needs and interests of students. If posting evaluations provokes opposition, then begin with course syllabuses. After all, if every student is entitled to a course syllabus on the first day of class, then why not make it available in advance? I have put my syllabuses, past and present, on my SIU Web site (see <http://tinyurl.com/8egfh>). If the university agrees to this policy, I will put my course evaluations online, too. Yet this is not enough: Students need a “one-stop shop” to find information on all courses and professors. Prospective students will

benefit from the same service. What better protection against false advertising (i.e. courses that don’t match their catalog descriptions, courses that have not been offered in years)? Nothing is more frustrating to students than to arrive at SIU and find the courses they wanted are no longer taught. Critics respond that information may drive teachers to lower standards. This fear is overblown. Besides, the alternative is for students to rely on unscientific, sensational sites such as ratemyprofessors.com. If outside vendors are already producing misleading information about SIU courses, we must seize the opportunity and turn lemons into lemonade. What better way for SIU to show its commitment to students? And what better way to have prospective students beat a path to our door?

Bean is a professor teaching history.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Saluki athletes are being good role models

DEAR EDITOR:

My son and I attended the Maroon Madness event at the Arena a few weeks ago. It was a wonderful family event. My 10-year-old son Anthony stood and yelled for the Salukis nearly the entire time. He was disappointed though when his poster did not win, and he was unable to get the

attention of the cheerleaders for a T-shirt. That was when #15 Brandon Wood stepped up. He went over to a cheerleader, got a T-shirt and brought it to my son. Our whole section sighed a collective “aaahh.” It was such a sweet gesture and it made Anthony’s night. Anthony shook Brandon’s hand and told him thanks, but I wanted to thank him as well. We are so quick to judge our athletes when they make bad decisions that we miss out on the good they do. Saluki athletes have always been kind to my children. When we saw Tony Young at Moe’s,

he took time out to say hi. When an SIU football player made an appearance at Murphysboro Middle School, he took time to speak to my son Da Shawn personally about athletics and the importance of an education. Athletes are human, they make mistakes, but we need to applaud and thank them for what they do right. Saluki athletes are celebrities in southern Illinois. Thank you for being good role models.

Tina Wright
2006 SIU alumna

SIUC still a good school

DEAR EDITOR:

Since the plagiarism controversy began, a cloud of polarizing rhetoric about SIUC has settled over southern Illinois. The anonymous AFAC has argued that President Glenn Poshard’s flawed dissertation undercuts the validity of the university. Unquestioning advocates of Poshard proclaim that he ought to be supported because he’s a good guy. Simplistic detractors proclaim that allowing

him to keep his job is evidence that “the university is a joke.” Now Walter Wendler has penned an essay in the Southern Illinoisan Sunday arguing that students looking for a “cost-effective education” should take their first two college years at John A. Logan. The circumstances of Wendler’s demotion at the hands of Poshard and the Board of Trustees suggests that his is not an impartial judgment. Wendler also shares with many of Poshard’s supporters and detractors a refusal to grasp the fact that a university is many things: Laboratories,

a research library, a constant flow of speakers and events, an athletic program and a faculty combining scholarly and creative accomplishment with a commitment to both graduate and undergraduate education. The current turmoil has little effect on these activities. I find Wendler’s essay specious, disingenuous and timed to inflict pain. Also, it flies in the face of the realities that combine to define a good university, which SIUC continues to be.

Charles Fanning
emeritus professor of English and history

A medical FYI

DEAR EDITOR:

In his Oct. 30 column, Todd Kulhanek raised the issue of “medical equality” for prostate cancer screening and treatment. While I certainly agree that additional resources would be beneficial, I would like to take this opportunity to inform your readers of a program supported by the Illinois Department of Public Health to provide prostate and testicular cancer screening to men in our community. Jackson County Health Department, in partnership with Southern Illinois Family Medicine, Southern Illinois Healthcare and the American Cancer Society, will be providing free Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) blood tests from 9 a.m. until noon on Dec. 11 and 12.

PSA blood tests will also be available on Dec. 13 from 2- 5:30 p.m. PSA tests are available for men over 50, or those over 40 who have a family history of prostate cancer or are African-American. In addition, physicians from Southern Illinois Family Medicine will provide digital rectal exams and testicular exams on Dec. 11 from 9 a.m. until noon. One in six American men will get prostate cancer in their lifetime. More than 30,000 men will die of prostate cancer this year alone. Prostate cancer is mainly found in men over age 55, though the risk increases at age 40 for African-American men and those with a family history of prostate cancer. The rate of prostate cancer in African-American men is more than 50 percent higher than in white males. The good news is that chances of survival are much higher with early diagnosis and treatment. In

fact, if caught early, survival rates are almost 100 percent! Testicular cancer is rare but is the most common cancer affecting men ages 15 through 35. In most cases, it can be cured, especially when detected early. Men in this age group are encouraged to examine their testicles regularly, so that changes are detected early. If one testicle is larger or harder than the other, or if there is a lump, it should be examined by a physician. These screenings are made possible by funds received from the Illinois Department of Public Health. For more information about these screenings, contact Kathy O’Laughlin at Jackson County Health Department, 684-3143, ext. 115.

Kathy O’Laughlin, RN
Carbondale resident

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USG Senator Brandon Allen, a freshman from Edwardsville studying journalism, discusses the resolution he created regarding confederate clothing on SIUC employees in the USG office in the Student Center Tuesday afternoon. Allen will present the resolution to USG at tonight's meeting.
DuVale Riley
DAILY EGYPTIAN

CONFEDERATE

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White said university administrators, including Chancellor Fernando Treviño and SIU President Glenn Poshard, would receive a copy of the resolution, which he will sign if it passes.

He said he expects the senators to approve the resolution but anticipates a heated debate.

Allen said he felt confident a majority of the student body would stand behind the measure.

"I want somebody to step up and debate me about this because I'm ready to go," Allen said.

He said he and White spoke to SIUC Legal Counsel to determine whether the university would violate First Amendment rights if it prohib-

ited employees from wearing images of the flag.

Paul McGreal, a professor of law who teaches classes on the First Amendment, said the university could probably enforce the clothing restriction because the government has a constitutionally protected interest in regulating what employees say in certain circumstances.

The university could argue employees wearing the flag present a negative image of the institution and upset others in the workforce, thus prohibiting the employees from performing their jobs, McGreal said.

However, McGreal said a similar restriction would be difficult to impose on faculty and almost impossible to impose on students.

"The whole problem with this is that it's a professional setting," Allen

said. "You're on the job, being paid by the students, and wearing something the students feel offended by."

White said he supported the resolution on a personal level as well as a presidential one.

He said the measure would help ensure students of all cultures felt comfortable at the university.

"We've come so far from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to where we have a Caucasian student writing a resolution like this," White said. "We have not arrived where we need to be as a society but we're getting closer and I think this resolution is a step in the right direction."


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After holding positions in the Railroad Relocation Unit and the Community Development Department, Doherty transferred to the City Manager's Office and was named city manager in 1992. Seven years later, he was the first recipient of the Outstanding Public Administrator/Manager for Southern Illinois Award in 1999.

Cole said it's not often an intern retires as the boss.

"We have an individual here in Jeff Doherty that has done just that," he said. "He has provided leadership to the community in all the positions he's held."

Donald Monty, a retired assistant city manager, said he worked with

Doherty for more than 30 years and could not recall any criticism for the SIUC alumnus because of how well he has executed his position.

Though Doherty acknowledged Monty and former Mayor Neil Dillard, Doherty said he is proud to have worked for a fair government.

"If being a good manager involves surrounding yourself with good quality people, then I was a success," Doherty said.

Doherty mentioned the development of Carbondale Super Block as one of his career's highlights. The project resulted in new buildings for Carbondale public schools, concession stands and athletic facilities. He was also a part of an effort to build the Amtrak station on South Illinois Avenue, which generated traffic com-

ing in and out of Carbondale.

Doherty said while Carbondale has been good to his family throughout the years, he would still consider opportunities outside the city.

Doherty said being city manager of Carbondale is a job good enough for other city administrators to want.

However, replacing Doherty will have to be done very carefully, Cole said.

"All of us should be aware that there was somebody in our jobs before us, and there will be someone in our jobs after us," he said.

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MAINTENANCE

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using money generated from the Facility Maintenance Fee.

Stucky said the plan offers a solution for major maintenance problems that require more money than the fee could generate.

More than \$400 million would be needed to fix everything on the current list of maintenance problems, said Cathy Hagler, executive director of administration.

The university instituted the Facility Maintenance Fee of \$144 per semester in fall 2007. Carol Henry, director of the budget office, said the university collected roughly \$870,000 from the fee this semester, but could expect less from the spring semester because enrollment numbers are generally lower. The fee does not apply to graduate students, students at the Springfield campus and undergraduate students in a Guaranteed Tuition Plan prior to 2007.

Roger Hines, assistant superintendent of building maintenance, said

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A lot of these roofs are not a problem right now but they are so old that they could go at any time.

— Roger Hines
assistant superintendent of building maintenance

his office continually updates a list of deferred maintenance needs, which is growing by the semester.

The list includes maintenance that has been put off throughout the years when no money was available to fix the problem, Hines said.

He said the most urgent priority was fixing roofs on campus, which could cost more than \$8 million. Many of the roofs, which were primarily built in the 1950s, '60s and '70s, have been patched but need replaced.

"A lot of these roofs are not a problem right now but they are so old that they could go at any time," he said.

Stucky said students should understand the money they pay through the fee will help fix maintenance problems, but using bonds could create dramatic results more quickly.

"In looking at the amount that would be spent each year (using the fees), some may think that we're not going to make a lot of progress for many years unless we explore the bond issue and do a major project within the next few years," Stucky said.

Hagler said she and other administrators would meet with the dean's council soon to discuss forming a list of maintenance problems that could be addressed with money from the bonds.

She said the office would create plans to spend \$50, \$75 and \$100 million.

The Board of Trustees will hear the proposal at its meeting in January or February, Hagler said.

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Level: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

Solution to Tuesday's puzzle

6	4	8	9	5	3	2	1	7
5	1	9	2	7	8	6	4	3
3	7	2	1	6	4	9	8	5
7	9	4	8	2	1	3	5	6
1	2	5	4	3	6	7	9	8
8	6	3	7	9	5	1	2	4
4	5	6	3	1	9	8	7	2
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9	3	7	5	8	2	4	6	1

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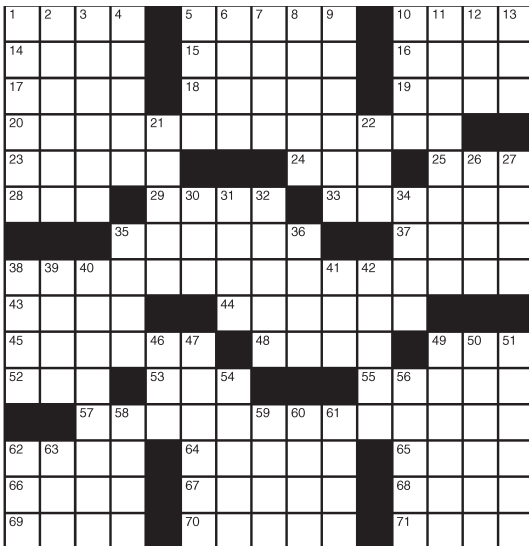
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ACROSS

- 1 Sweater eater
- 5 Hefty chunks
- 10 Norse god
- 14 Gillette blade
- 15 River boat honcho
- 16 Floor covering
- 17 Seasonal song
- 18 Writer Calvino
- 19 Capri or Wight
- 20 Assassin's agenda?
- 23 Beethoven dedicatee
- 24 Vicious of the Sex Pistols
- 25 Tummy muscles
- 28 Played the first card
- 29 ___majesty
- 33 Part of Wessex
- 35 Tender
- 37 ___boy!
- 38 Longest rap sheet award?
- 43 Gen. Bradley
- 44 Reporter's pay scale
- 45 Deadly snakes
- 48 California wine valley
- 49 Ninny
- 52 Tarzan on TV
- 53 Barker and Bell



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- 55 "The Divine Comedy" poet
- 57 Ratfink's annual award?
- 62 Comet rival
- 64 Type of larva
- 65 Wrongful act

- 66 Byron poem
- 67 Ward off
- 68 Length x width
- 69 Muslim leader
- 70 Gay city of song
- 71 Vietnam's neighbor

DOWN

- 1 Shelf over a fireplace
- 2 Peter of "The Lion in Winter"
- 3 Timorous
- 4 Obeys a sentry

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

A	C	I	D	S		S	P	A	M		A	S	O	F
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M	A	S	S		D	A	Y	S		R	I	Y	A	N

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- 5 Rotate rapidly
- 6 Vilnius lang.
- 7 Jai ___
- 8 Lightning strikes
- 9 Impassive
- 10 Singer Redding
- 11 Aversion
- 12 Unwell
- 13 Born as
- 21 Moray hunter
- 22 Nuptial vow
- 26 Letter from Greece
- 27 Play the lead
- 30 Extremity
- 31 Sm. runway aircraft
- 32 Fairylike
- 34 Madcap Martha
- 35 Impale on a tusk
- 36 Sicilian volcano
- 38 Wander
- 39 "___ and the Detectives"
- 40 Large semiaquatic rodent
- 41 Gen. Arnold's nickname
- 42 Italian island group
- 46 Rental ad abbr.
- 47 Petty ruler
- 49 Long-haired cat
- 50 Mono successor
- 51 Some mattresses
- 54 Auto-racer Tom
- 56 Conductor Dorati
- 58 Test
- 59 German river
- 60 Electricity line
- 61 Overfill
- 62 Will Smith role
- 63 Traffic snarl

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To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — Let somebody else provide an item you can't quite reach. What's easy for this other person is rather a hassle for you. Minimize your stress.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — You'll notice an older person having trouble making a decision. Don't wait, figure out what needs to be done and offer it as a suggestion. Your input is appreciated.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is an 8 — Draw word pictures with your partner as vividly as you can. Once you can see in your mind what you're after, getting there will be easy.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — Conditions are good for compromise. Give a little and the other person will give a little, too. That will be enough.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — How can you get the whole story? Keep asking the tough questions. One person in particular will sing like a canary.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — You know what you want but you're not sure you can afford it. If it's for your home, it's probably a good investment. This includes culinary delights.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — Being smart is just the beginning. Having the aptitude's nice, but you also have to develop the skills. That's your next assignment.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — Something you've been holding onto has increased in value. Do the research and ask your informants. Find out who wants what, and what you can provide.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — Sometimes others believe in you more than you believe in yourself. This is perfectly natural. You can trust them on this. Proceed boldly.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — Somebody's putting the pressure on. You don't like this feeling much, but it sure is activating. Finish a task you've been resisting and earn a tidy bonus.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — Gather more information on your own before you go into discussions with people who know what they're talking about. You'll want to keep up.

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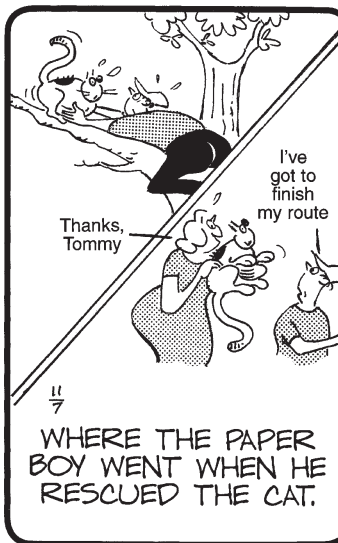
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Jay-Z goes back to roots

Jakina Hill
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Jay-Z
"American Gangster"
Release Date: November 6, 2007
Record Label: Roc-A-Fella records
www.rocafella.com

If your perception of a gangster is a bit hazy, pop in the latest release from Jay-Z and within seconds you're being schooled on exactly what a gangster is.

"The gangster is not defined by how many rocks are in your watch, but more how many rocks you move while on the watch." The introductory line is produced by one of the actors of the film of the same name that inspired the album "American Gangster," Idris Elba.

This album is said to be Jay-Z's return to the kind of music he used to make in the earlier stages of his career. One thing for sure is the album doesn't skimp on clips from the film and the CD art is the updated version of his first release, "Reasonable Doubt," complete with suit and cigar smoke.

Jay sticks with Pharrell and Just Blaze, some of his usual hit makers. The real surprise is Diddy being all over the production of this album, welding the songs like "Party Life," one of the hottest tracks on the album, and the second single, "Roc Boys (and the winner is)." The feel of the album is the 1970s through and through, which is no surprise considering the movie was set in the '70s. Jay-Z has told his story again and again of being a major drug dealer in the streets of



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Brooklyn, way back when. This album is a welcome return to those stories laced with witty wordplay and matching beats.

Jay uses some of the most popular old school singers to create a sound as elaborate as the movie in this significantly different version of the Frank Lucas story.

The Isley Brothers are featured as a sample on a track, and The Dramatics are sampled on the other hottest track on the album "Say Hello."

The first few songs floating off "American Gangster" may have had skeptics smiling but as usual Jay delivers, and continues to hold the "best rapper in the game" status.

Jakina Hill can be reached at 536-3311 ext. 275 or jhil@siude.com



5 out of 5 stars

Turner turns in country gem

Alicia Wade
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Josh Turner
"Everything Is Fine"
Release Date: Oct. 30, 2007
Record Label: MCA Nashville
www.joshturner.com

Hop in that rusty pick-up truck, roll down the window and find a dirt road that leads directly to a honky-tonk bar, because Josh Turner released the best soundtrack for a down-home day with his newest album, "Everything Is Fine."

Coming off the double-platinum success of his last album, "Your Man," Turner has once again created a strong, truly country album, lacking the pop sound so many mainstream country artists use on their tracks. With sparing drums, plucking guitars, moaning steel guitars and chirping banjos paired with Turner's distinctive, chesty baritone, "Everything Is Fine" is a wonderful melodic journey through a rural way of life.

The first single from the album, "Firecracker," is an upbeat steel guitar yarn describing an object of his affection by saying, "When she takes off you better hang on tight. She's a blonde bottle rocket in the middle of the night."

The song is driven by sawing fiddles over a foot-stomping beat suitable for the most intricate of line dances. Turner's range is pushed with the song, growling from the pits of his deep voice all the way up to his airy, yet beautiful falsetto.

"Everything Is Fine" features two duets from Turner, the stronger of the two being the track he shares with the rich-voiced Trisha Yearwood. On "Another Try," Turner and

Yearwood sing of the hope of getting another chance at love, no matter how impossible it seems, begging the hands of time to turn back.

The two have voices that blend perfectly with the lushness of milk and honey, emanating the pain and sorrow of lost love throughout the ballad.

The sore spot on the album is the other duet track, "Nowhere Fast," featuring Anthony Hamilton. Singing of taking a few too many wrong turns in life and struggling with gambling and alcohol, the two slip into an easy-listening sound that doesn't mesh with the rest of the tracks on the CD.

With a chorus backing the two up as they sing the refrain to the pseudo-country-rock beat, "Nowhere Fast" sounds as though it is a freakish Eagles and Billy Ocean hybrid that just doesn't work. While the topic of the song is good and almost has to be included on any country album, it just doesn't deliver musically.

However, Turner's album thankfully features his distinctive and wonderful songwriting style that got him inducted into the Grand Ole Opry with hauntingly nostalgic tracks reminiscing about growing up in South Carolina low country and simple ballads proclaiming his love for his wife.

Turner's latest is another strong offering from one of the freshest and most talented country music has to offer today. With every album, Turner grows more and more, leaving listeners confident everything he touches deserves a platinum record. Turner shows with his newest everything really is fine.



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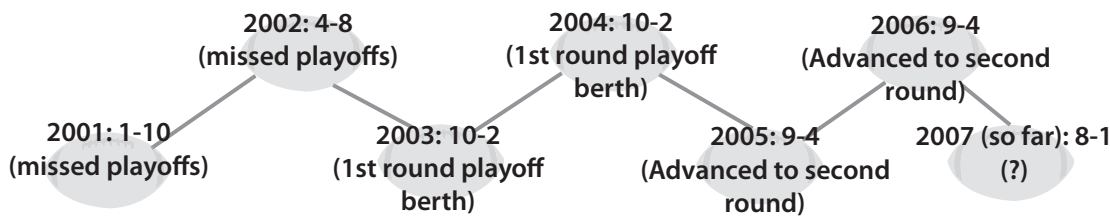
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Jerry Kill accomplishments as head coach

Overall record: 100-56
Saginaw Valley State record: 35-14 (1994-1998)
Emporia State record: 11-11 (1999-2000)
SIU record: 51-31(2001-present)



FOOTBALL

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"Every win feels good, and every loss is like dying," Kill said. "At the end of the day, 20 years from now when me and you aren't around, all they'll remember is that we beat Western Illinois today. Doesn't matter what the score was."

Kill said Saturday's victory, which put the Salukis at 8-1 and lifted them to No. 5 in the national rankings, was one of the biggest in his 14-year career as a college head coach.

With two regular season games remaining and the playoffs to follow, this season has the potential to be the coach's most successful — a far cry from the SIU team he took over when he first came to the university in 2001.

After compiling a 38-14 record in five years as the head coach of Saginaw Valley State and an 11-11 record as coach at Emporia State for two years, Kill was handed the reins of a team that hadn't won more than two conference games in a season for a decade.

He was the fourth SIU head coach during that time period and, without his own recruits, did not change the trend in his first two seasons, finishing 1-10 in 2001 and 4-8 in 2002.

Kill said the first two years were a difficult time in his career, but knew to turn the program around he had to recruit better talent, which was not an easy task for a team in the doldrums of

the conference.

"I don't think people realize, we were 1-10 and not one coach turned on another coach and the players understood," Kill said. "We didn't have any proof we were going to turn it around. We had to sell them what we thought was going to happen, and they had to trust us."

Crucial in that effort was a persistent staff, Kill said, and the active recruiting approach of players such as Joel Sambursky, the starting quarterback from 2002 through 2005.

Sambursky said he could see Kill's desire and genuine sincerity to turn things around, which allowed him and others to buy into the program and believe in future potential.

"There's a lot of coaches that can say one thing and do another that are, frankly, full of crap, but coach Kill's not that way," Sambursky said. "He tells you what he thinks, he says what he thinks, and when he told people like myself that he was going to turn it around, he meant it."

The belief paid off in 2003, Sambursky's second year under center for the Salukis, as the team posted its best record since the 1983 championship season and won the Gateway for the first time since the conference was created.

Kill's team hasn't looked back since. SIU has advanced to the playoffs every year and, for the past two seasons, advanced to the second round.

Senior quarterback Nick Hill, who took over after Sambursky's graduation in 2006, has led the team after being recruited by Kill while a basketball player at Western Kentucky.

Hill said his coach is the most competitive person he knows, and his tough exterior is a result of his desire to make his players the best.

Hill often hears Kill's criticism from the sideline during games, he said, and the aggressive coaching makes his play more intense, particularly during Saturday's close contest.

"I could hear him yelling at me before I even got down on that one run I had over on the sideline, and the next time we ran in the fourth quarter when we ran around the end I was like, 'I'd better run this pretty hard because I know coach Kill's over there watching me,'" Hill said.

Kill said his team's mental toughness is what has made them successful in late-game comebacks such as the one against Western Illinois, and that can be attributed to the intense coaching style.

"I think it's hard to play football for coach Kill," he said. "I doubt if I'm the most popular person in that locker room all the time, and I'm not trying to be the most popular. I think good leaders are guys that are going to push people, and I push them hard."

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Major League Baseball general managers voted 25-5 in favor of using instant replay to review borderline home run calls — whether the ball is fair or foul, whether balls clear the fence or hit the top and bounce back and possible fan interference. Should baseball incorporate instant replay?

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“These kinds of calls are so few and far between, and the umpires get it right enough that replay won’t be worth killing the flow of a game. Replay should only be used in baseball to review potential game-winning home runs, like how the NBA only uses replay for buzzer-beaters at the end of quarters.”

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“I think it’s a good idea. I don’t think they should use it for things like calling strikes and balls but to make an accurate call on base running and whether or not a home run is fair would probably make the game more accurate.”

GUEST COMMENTATOR: MATT SHAW

“I’d probably say I’m for replay, just because I was watching a game where umpires definitely blew calls and I think obviously with replay you get those corrected. But I think they’d have to limit it. You can’t use it for every call, strikes and balls and whatnot, but definitely for a homerun or a close out, replay should be implemented.”

— SIU men’s basketball forward Matt Shaw

SALUKI TRACKER

Bart Scott

Ravens linebacker Bart Scott registered a season-best eight tackles in Baltimore’s 38-7 loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers Monday. The former Saluki now has 49 tackles this season, second on the Ravens to Ray Lewis’ 66. Scott, who also has a sack and 3.5 tackles for loss this season, will return to action Sunday when the Ravens host the Bengals.

Do you have questions for the Saluki Insider that you want answered?
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BASEBALL

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Kelly said he would not have improved as much as he did if not for his biggest influence, former Saluki catcher Hunter Harrigan. Harrigan was the starting catcher during Kelly’s freshman year and is now a Single-A prospect in the Texas Rangers’ farm system and one of the top defensive catchers in the Midwest League.

When Kelly steps on the field, he said he has to take a leadership role and be completely focused because he is the one who sees everything on the field. He said Harrigan was the one who taught him the little details on how to manage a game from what he sees on the field.

Kelly said he hopes he can teach the young players as much as Harrigan taught him.

“I would like to think now that I can teach the younger players,

especially the catchers, some of what I have learned,” Kelly said. “I can tell them little things like what the pitchers are setting them up with so they know what pitch to look for.”

Aside from hitting, Kelly has the responsibility to control the pitching staff throughout the game. After catching 56 games last year, he was able to build a good chemistry with the whole staff.

Because of injuries to the other catchers last season, Kelly caught every bullpen session in the fall. Senior pitcher Shawn Joy said being able to throw to Kelly all the time is a great thing for any pitcher.

“Mark might say he was surprised at being (in the) top 10, but I had the privilege to see him play so I wasn’t surprised,” Joy said. “If there is much better out there I want to see it, because he is pretty damn good.”

There is no flash or flair with

Kelly, just repetition in practice and consistency on the field. Kelly said he would always spend hours just hitting in the cages, but now he said he can do that under the highest quality instructing from hitting coach Ken Henderson.

SIU head coach Dan Callahan said Kelly always looks to improve and his footwork is as good as it gets. Callahan said players rarely work up to a coach’s expectations, and right now he said Kelly’s work ethic is at a B-level.

Kelly agrees with his coach, as he said a top-10 ranking only motivates him to move up.

“I would not have guessed that I would be ranked that high, but now that I am I want to move up,” Kelly said. “I want to catch those guys from Arizona State and Texas. I want to be the best catcher in the nation.”

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JORDAN

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DE: What’s the greatest advice anyone has ever given you?

BJ: Never quit. Always work hard, never quit.

DE: Did you ever try playing offense?

BJ: Yeah, I played offense like my whole life until I got to high school ... You don’t play both ways at my school because it’s one of the top, top programs so I just moved to linebacker.

DE: Do any of your teammates have any weird game day rituals?

BJ: Not really. The only thing people really do is everyone just chills. Actually we put on Soljua Boy and do a couple dances around the locker room. A couple of the linebackers do the Soljua Boy dance.

DE: Which teammate would you never want to face in a boxing match?

BJ: None of them because I’d whoop all of them. I’m not scared of any of them. All of them would get it.

DE: Which teammate makes everyone laugh?

BJ: I’m one of the top goofy ones.

(Sophomore linebacker) Chauncey (Mixon) is really goofy, too.

DE: If you could have dinner with any three people, who would you choose?

BJ: Ray Lewis, Bill Gates and Hugh Hefner.

DE: If you could play any other sport in college, what would it be?

BJ: Basketball.

DE: If you could have one super-power what would it be?

BJ: I have no idea. Flying. Being able to fly. That would be tight.

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ANTHONY SOUFFLE ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Saluki head football coach Jerry Kill checks his headset prior to Saturday's game against Western Illinois in Macomb. Kill, who just notched his 100th career victory as a college football head coach, has the potential to have his most successful season this year with only two regular season games remaining.

Sean McGahan
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Numerous times throughout a season where the SIU football team has outscored its opponents by an average of 26.2 points per game, coach Jerry Kill has said he doesn't care whether the team makes a statement by embarrassing the other team or wins in a tight, 10-9 battle.

Kill stood by that sentiment after his 100th career victory as a head coach in college football — a 10-9 win against

conference rival Western Illinois that was still up in the air until the final tick of the clock Saturday.

After senior linebacker Trevor Moe picked off a last-ditched effort from Leatherneck quarterback Matt Barr to end Western Illinois' hopes with one second remaining in the game clock, the Salukis began to jump and embrace in celebration of the victory as the offense prepared to take the field for a final kneel down.

But Kill, 46, did not crack a smile.

"It ain't over!" Kill shouted to his team.

"Take care of the ball!"

After the offense lined up and senior quarterback Nick Hill took to one knee, waited for the whistle and tossed the ball back to the official, Kill could finally breathe easy as he watched the clock expire.

But his demeanor did not change as he stepped on to the field to shake hands with the opposition. Only after leaving the field of play did the coach smile when talking about the victory.

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BASEBALL

Catching the best

Kelly ranks ahead of
best catchers in nation

Jeff Engelhardt
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Hard work made him a Saluki, determination made him a starter and his drive to improve has put Mark Kelly among the elite.

Kelly, a junior catcher for the SIU baseball team, was ranked as the 10th best catcher in the nation according to rivals.com. Kelly finished ahead of catchers from nationally ranked schools such as UCLA, Oklahoma State and Missouri.

The award comes on the heels of a season in which Kelly made the All-Missouri Valley Conference team after he hit .379 with 63 RBI in 56 games.

Kelly said he didn't expect to receive such a high ranking but is proud to earn the accolade.

"I think it's safe to say it was a surprise, but first of all if you were to tell me I got that, I would disagree with it," Kelly said. "I think it is an honor and now I have to work hard and back it up."



EDYTA BLASZCZYK ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Junior catcher Mark Kelly practices his swing Tuesday at Abe Martin Field. Kelly was ranked the 10th best catcher in the nation by rivals.com and last season hit .379 with 63 RBI in 56 games.

Kelly went from learning on the bench his freshman season to being the leader of the Saluki offense the next in his first season starting.

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15 MINUTES WITH...

Brandin Jordan

Megan Kramper
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Sophomore linebacker Brandin Jordan has been a driving force for the 8-1 Saluki football team this season despite a persistent battle with injuries. Jordan was the youngest player to be picked as a preseason All-Gateway Football Conference selection on the team and is second on the team with 64 total tackles, 5.5 tackles for losses and one interception. The DAILY EGYPTIAN talked with Jordan about his southern roots, his NFL pedigree and his pregame dance rituals.

DAILY EGYPTIAN: Both your dad and uncle had careers in the NFL. What's the best advice they've given you?

Brandin Jordan: Just keep working hard basically. They always said it's a long road and it's not going to be easy, so work hard all the time.

DE: What's the best story about NFL life they've told you?

BJ: Traveling around the world, you know what I'm saying? And you get paid to play football, and it don't get much better than that.

DE: What do you do on game day to

get pumped up?

BJ: Listen to my iPod and just focus.

DE: Who in the NFL right now closely mirrors your game?

BJ: I would go with a short little linebacker ... Derek Brooks (of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers).

DE: Which would you rather get, a sack or an interception?

BJ: Interception, definitely interception.

DE: You're from Louisiana. How is life different up here than in the South?

BJ: It's a lot colder.

DE: Beside football, what other sports do you like to play?

BJ: Basketball.

DE: What's your favorite team to watch?

BJ: The New Orleans Saints.

DE: What's in your refrigerator?

BJ: Right now? It's kind of iffy right now. Just some Powerade I guess.

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Brandin Jordan

FANTASY

The 8 a.m. All Stars

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Anyone who has ever signed up for an 8 a.m. class has ended up feeling stupid when the time comes to wake up for that class.

This feeling is also common when seeing a performance like the one Vikings running back Adrian Peterson turned in Sunday, or on the flip side, what his teammate Troy Williamson has done for, well, three years now.

The following is a list of players who have either been shockingly good or disappointingly bad, also known as the 8 a.m. All Stars:

Quarterback — Tom Brady, Patriots. He was expected to put up MVP numbers, not be on pace for 59 touchdown passes — 10 more than Peyton Manning's record. So far, Brady has registered 2,686 passing yards, 33 passing touchdowns and more than 100,000 fantasy owners kicking themselves for taking Manning ahead of Brady.

Running back — Adrian Peterson, Vikings. His 296-yard game is the inspiration for this column, but not the only reason he makes the list. He has people feeling dumb for avoiding him because he was supposed to split carries with Chester Taylor. So Peterson made this list in Week 1, when he had 163 combined yards from scrimmage and a touchdown while Taylor was sidelined.

Running back — Shaun Alexander, Seahawks. The retirement of fullback Mack Strong hurts Alexander's numbers, but he did reach 100 yards twice in the first three weeks. But in the last four, Alexander has averaged 2.3, 2.5, 2.5 and 2.3 yards per carry, with no runs going for more than 11 yards.

Wide receiver — Lee Evans, Bills. Evans sets the record for most consecutive weeks mentioned in the same fantasy column, but anyone who didn't wait him out after a poor first half is really feeling the regret now. He's caught a touchdown and racked up more than 130 yards in each of his last two games.

Wide receiver — Randy Moss, Patriots. His average draft position, listed in his ESPN.com player card, is 44.1. Steve Smith's is 16.3. So on average, Moss was taken 28 spots after Smith (who doesn't make this list because he was productive with Jake Delhomme, and even Vinny Testaverde, at quarterback).

Defense — Detroit. The Lions have been ripped in this column on a weekly basis for trading cornerback Dre Bly for a running back they don't even play anymore. But this defense still leads the NFL in takeaways and is fifth in sacks.

In honor of Detroit's performance Sunday against Denver (and because there's no way you can pick up Anquan Boldin or Larry Fitzgerald), "Who's Burning Detroit?" is taking the week off.

But start both Boldin and Fitzgerald, and avoid classes that start at 8 a.m.